

causing some major American oil companies to pull out of Azerbaijan.

And there have been also been troubling statements from Azerbaijan's President Aliyev that he considers renewal of military conflict a viable option for settling the dispute.

Mr. Speaker, if I could just submit the rest of my statement for the RECORD, I just want to say it is very important that we send a message to Azerbaijan that their intransigence in opposing the Minsk Group proposal is a matter of concern here in Washington.

Finally, I am concerned about the aid numbers for Armenia and Azerbaijan that were included in the Administration's budget request, which provide for a decrease in aid to Armenia, and an increase in aid to Azerbaijan. This is strange, since Armenia (as well as Nagorno Karabagh) has accepted the compromise proposal supported by the U.S., while Azerbaijan has rejected it. But the Administration budget proposed cutting aid to Armenia while increasing aid to Azerbaijan. The unfortunate message to Azerbaijan is that their intransigence in opposing the Minsk Group proposal is not a matter of concern here in Washington. That is not the signal we should be sending.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Hawaii (Mrs. MINK) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. MINK of Hawaii addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CARDIN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of Washington, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOEFFEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SWEENEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEMINT, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 447. An act to deem as timely filed, and process for payment, the applications submitted by the Dodson School Districts for certain Impact Aid payment for fiscal year 1999.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 822. To nullify any reservation of funds during fiscal year 1999 for guaranteed loads under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act for qualified beginning farmers or ranchers, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 15, 1999, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

975. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Implementation of Preferred Lender Program and Streamlining of Guaranteed Loan Regulations (RIN: 0560-AF38) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

976. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request for an FY 1999 supplemental appropriation for the Department of the Interior; (H. Doc. No. 106—39); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

977. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Risk-Based Capital Standards: Construction Loans on Presold Residential Properties; Junior Liens on 1- to 4-Family Residential Properties; and Investments in Mutual Funds. Leverage Capital Standards: Tier 1 Leverage Ratio [Docket No. 98-125] (RIN: 1550-AB11) received February 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

978. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Rule 701—Exempt Offerings Pursuant to Compensatory Arrangements [Release No. 33-7645; File No. S7-5-98] (RIN: 3235-AH21) received February 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

979. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Revision of Rule 504 of Regulation D, the "Seed Capital" Exemption [Release No. 33-7644; S7-14-98] (RIN: 3235-AH35) received February 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

980. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of Presidential Determination No. 99-16 in connection with the U.S. contribution to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization ("KEDO"); to the Committee on International Relations.

981. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 981222314-8321-02; I.D. 021699B] received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

982. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Regulated Navigation Area; Air Clearance Restrictions at the Entrance to Lakeside Yacht Club and the Northeast Approach to Burke Lakefront Airport in Cleveland Harbor, OH [CGD09-97-002] (RIN: 2115-AE84) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

983. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Lower Grand River, LA [CGD08-99-008] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

984. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations: Greenwood Lake Powerboat Classic, Greenwood Lake, New Jersey [CGD01-98-125] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

985. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Sunken Fishing Vessel CAPE FEAR, Buzzards Bay Entrance [CGD01 99-008] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

986. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Scharfman Batmitzvah Fireworks, East River, Newtown Creek, New York [CGD01-99-004] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

987. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; River Rouge (Short Cut Canal), Michigan [CGD09-98-055] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

988. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Allison Engine Company Model AE 3007A and AE 3007A1/I Turbofan Engines, Correction [Docket No. 98-ANE-14; Amendment 39-11017; AD 99-03-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

989. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Allison Engine Company, Inc. AE 2100A, AE 2100C, and AE 2100D3 Series Turbofan Engines, Correction [Docket No. 98-ANE-83; Amendment 39-11023; AD 99-03-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

990. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Jetstream